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**Roundtable: Ohio's Natural Gas
Utilities ... Valuable Insights
on Recent & Upcoming Developments and
What to Expect in the Future**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020
11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

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Matt Pritchard is a Member of the law firm McNees Wallace and Nurick LLC, and also serves as General Counsel of Industrial Energy Users-Ohio. Matt began his studies in electrical engineering at the Ohio State University, spending several internships in a utility transmission engineering department, before graduating with a political science degree and continuing his education at Capital University Law School where he graduated magna cum laude. Matt ultimately combined his engineering and legal passions into a public utility commission practice where he regularly counsels clients on the intricacies of Ohio utility and energy regulatory matters.

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Melissa Thompson is the director of regulatory policy for Columbia Gas of Ohio. Melissa is responsible for developing policy and processes to sustain Columbia's regulatory compliance and energy efficiency program; preparing and supervising regulatory filings and proceedings; supporting Columbia's large customer relations team; and implementing regulatory initiatives to execute the company's business strategy.

Melissa joined Columbia's legal department in August 2012, advising the company on real estate issues, and negotiating right-of-way and lease agreements. In October 2013, she transitioned from commercial practice to regulatory, handling matters on behalf of Columbia and its affiliates before the utility commissions in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, and Massachusetts. Prior to joining Columbia, Melissa worked as an associate for two energy law firms in Columbus, serving as the outside counsel to several major public utilities in Ohio.

Melissa earned Bachelor's Degrees in political science and communications, with honors, from Marietta College, and graduated magna cum laude from Capital University Law School.

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Cas Swiz is Director, Regulatory and Rates for Vectren, CenterPoint Energy's Indiana and Ohio jurisdictional utilities and is responsible for the Indiana gas and electric and Ohio gas regulatory and rate matters in proceedings before the respective utility regulatory commissions. He oversees the analysis and implementation of all state regulatory initiatives of the Indiana and Ohio utilities, as well as the preparation of testimony sponsoring accounting and tariff exhibits submitted in regulatory proceedings.

Cas joined Vectren in 2003 as an Accounting Analyst, and has held various accounting and regulatory positions within Vectren, where he was involved in numerous base rate and alternative recovery mechanism proceedings. Cas received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Evansville in 2001, and a master's of business administration degree from the University of Southern Indiana in 2005.

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As Associate General Counsel, Joe Oliker oversees the state and federal regulatory and legislative affairs of IGS and its affiliated companies. He provides support and advice to IGS's business entities regarding competitive markets. Through the Retail Energy Supply Association, he serves as the Chair of RESA's Federal Energy Regulation Commission ("FERC") caucus.

Prior to joining IGS, he was an Associate with the law firm of McNees, Wallace, and Nurick ("McNees"). In that capacity, he represented a coalition of industrial energy consumers as well as natural gas local distribution companies in regulatory matters before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Supreme Court of Ohio, and the FERC. The regulatory matters included advising commercial and industrial customers regarding aspects of restructured electric and natural gas markets, as well as wholesale electric and gas market fundamentals.

Prior to joining McNees, he was employed by the law firm Greenberg Traurig. Following law school, he clerked for the New York State Supreme Court.

He holds a Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from the State University of New York at Albany.

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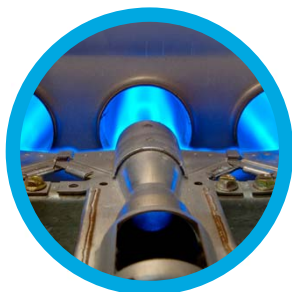
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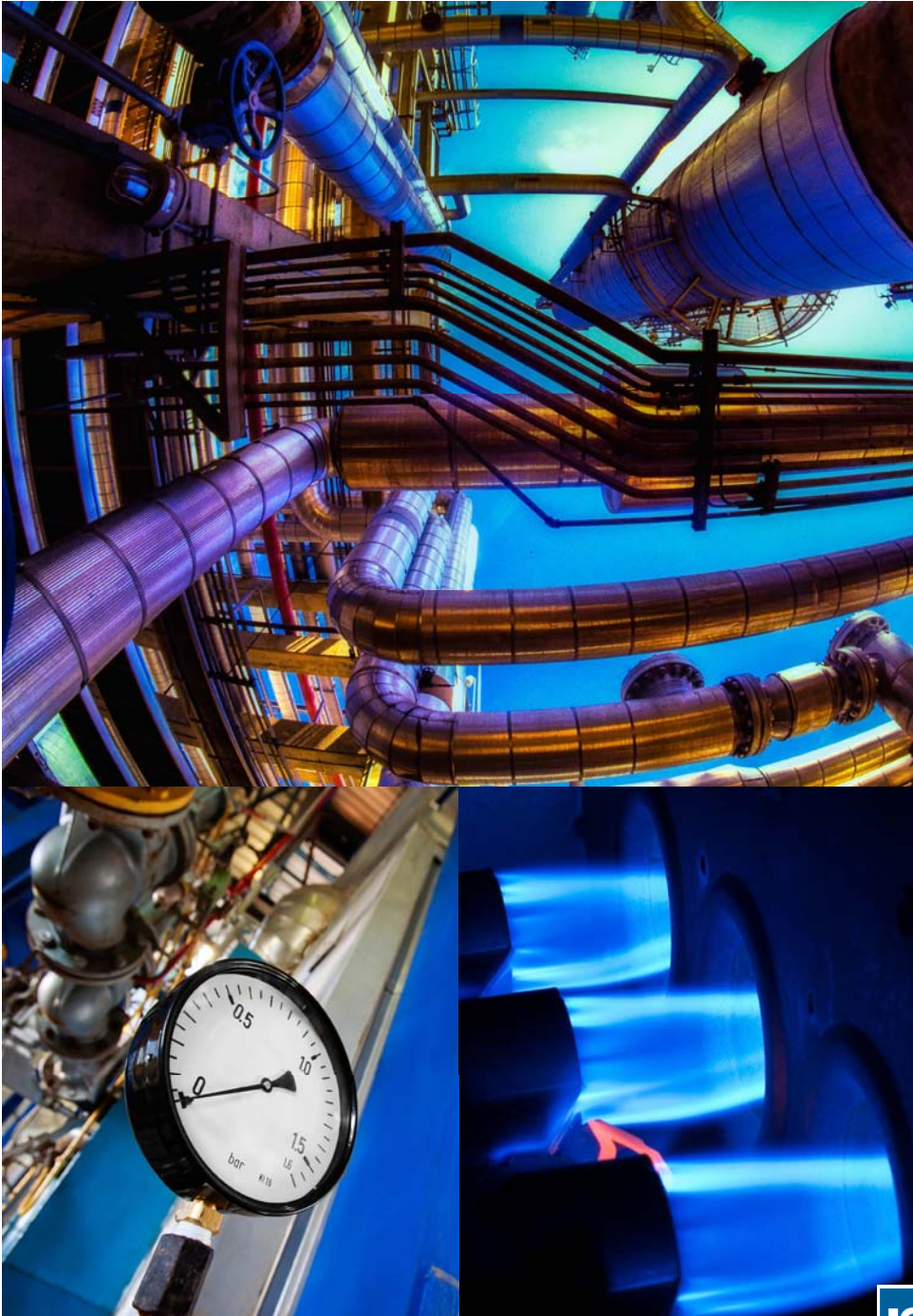
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Speakers

- **Melissa Thompson, Columbia Gas of Ohio**
- **Cas Swiz, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.**
- **Joe Oliker, IGS**

Panel Presenter: Matt Pritchard, McNeas Wallace & Nurick LLC



Question 1

Over the past 18 months, what significant rate changes (increases or decreases) have we seen?



Question 2

What significant rate changes do you see coming in the near future?



Question 3

Could you identify the significant infrastructure construction activities that are ongoing and planned?



Question 4

Can you provide an update on the status of retail competition?



Question 5

What regulatory or legislative changes could further facilitate the availability and deliverability of natural gas at prices and terms that work for utilities, suppliers, and customers?



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